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SUMMARY: IMRON ROSJADI HAS REGAINED HIS POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION I (DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS), THE GOKAR NATIONAL CONGRESS WHICH OPENS TODAY IS GETTING HO-HUM TREATMENT FROM PRESS, AND DEBATE OVER THE MARRIAGE BILL IS COOLING SLIGHTLY BUT STILL HOT. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTARA ANNOUNCED SOMEWHAT REVISED LEADERSHIP OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONS SEPT 3, INCLUDING INTERESTING (AND THUS FAR UNEXPLAINED) FACT THAT IMRON ROSJADI HAS REGAINED HIS OLD POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION I (DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.) IMRON WHO IS STAUNCH ANTI-COMMUNIST AND RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED LEADER OF PREDOMINATELY RURAL NU FACTION OF ISLAMIC

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PARTY, WAS (MUCH TO HIS DISGUST) REPLACED IN

SAME JOB LAST SEPTEMBER BY RELATIVELY UNKNOWN ISMAEL HASAN MATAREUM (REF B). IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT NEWLY CREATED COMMISSION (RESEARCH AFFAIRS) WILL BE HEADED BY EX-PNI (NATIONALIST PARTY) YOUTH LEADER DRS SURJADI.

2. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE OVER MARRIAGE BILL (REF A) IS CONTINUING. MORE IS NOW BEING HEARD FROM WOMEN'S GROUPS AND OTHERS WHO FAVOR BILL AND MOSLEM POLEMICS AGAINST IT ALTHOUGH STILL INTENSE HAVE COOLED SLIGHTLY. IN EXPLAINING BILL BEFORE PARLIAMENT ON AUG 30 MINISTER OF JUSTICE SENO ADJIE DENIED (AS PRESIDENT HAD ALREADY DONE) THAT BILL CONFLICTS WITH RELIGION. SPEAKING BEFORE GALLERIES PACKED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF WOMENS' ORGANIZATIONS HE STRESSED THAT MAIN AIM OF BILL IS TO PREVENT EASY POLIGAMY AND ARBITRARY DIVORCE, AND GENERALLY TO ELEVATE STATUS OF WOMEN.

3. GOLKAR (GOVERNMENT PARTY) NATIONAL CONGRESS GETS UNDERWAY IN SURABAYA TODAY (SEPT 4) AMID MOSTLY BORED PRESS COVERAGE NOTING THAT PRESIDENT AND SULTAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN OPENING BEFORE PROCEEDING TO DAM INAUGURATION CEREMONY IN EAST JAVA. DAILY NUSANTARA, ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SOMETHING NASTY TO SAY ABOUT GOLKAR, FEATURES INSIDE DOPESTER STORY TO EFFECT THAT CONGRESS WILL RESULT IN DOWNFALL OF "LIM DYNASTY" (BROTHERS LIM BIAN KIE AND LIM BIAN KHOEN WHO ARE ADVISERS TO PRESIDENTIAL STAFF ASSISTANTS MURTOPO AND HUMARDANI) ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE "MERDEKA BARAT" (I.E. THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT) RESENTS THEIR DOMINATION OF GOLKAR AFFAIRS.

4. COMMENT: THIS IS TYPICAL NUSANTARA FARE - I.E. COMBINATION OF SELF-GENERATED RUMOR AND WISHFUL THINKING - BUT IT IS TRUE ENOUGH THAT PRESIDENT AND TOP LEADERS OF DENFESE ESTABLISHMENT HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY ALREADY MADE THE DECISIONS REGARDING NEW GOLKAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADERSHIP (FEW IF ANY MAJOR CHANGES ARE EXPECTED.)  
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